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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Steven E. Robbins

Serial No.: 08/873,876

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Title : RESILIENT SOLE FOR USE IN ARTICLES OF
FOOTWEAR TO ENHANCE BALANCE AND STABILITY

Art Unit: 3728

Examiner: Patterson

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO ACTION DATED DECEMBER 11, 1998

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested in view of the following remarks.

Specification - 35 USC § 112

The Examiner has objected to the specification under 37 CFR 1.71 for failing to provide an enabling disclosure that adequately teaches how to make and/or use the invention.

The Examiner states that:

"...applicant has provided a single example of material which would work, this example has a 'resiliency index' of 0.156 and a Shore A hardness of A5. It is not clear how applicant assumes that a material with a 'resiliency index' in the entire range of 0.05-0.5 would work or for the Shore A hardness range of A2-A40, preferably A2-A14, since the only material disclosed has an index of 0.156 and A5 and according to the Declaration filed 5/8/98 applicant has found only one other material in the stated range which has an index of 0.218. Since applicant has stated that the other commonly used shoe materials have an index above 0.6, there is no clear evidence of why applicant contends or assumes that an index of 0.5, 0.4 or 0.3 would be appropriate. It is not clear how or why a measurement of almost 3 times the index of the material applicant has found would be considered appropriate."